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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 15 November 1983

1. [] Following from this morning's staff meeting:

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-- The DCI will visit FBIS for about 40 minutes on 8 December. No formal briefings are planned. A coffee and informal discussion will be held in [] office followed by a MIDAS walkthrough.

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-- The predicted FY-84 position cuts have been approved by Congress-- [] will come from the S&T, of which [] will be taken from FBIS. These have already been identified.

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-- The FY-85 budget goes to the President on 15 November. FBIS came out with everything we asked for except one new initiative in Production Group. Our request, as revised by DDS&T, received all the modernization money and positions and was included within the "DCI guidance" which is what Casey presents to OMB. This comes to [] new money and [] positions, so recruiting should be no concern.

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-- The Comptroller has said that the FY-85 budget base, which includes the FY-84 increases, will be thoroughly scrubbed before the FY-86 budget is approved. This smacks a little bit of zero-base philosophy and nobody is taking it very seriously. The FY-86 program plan goes to the Comptroller in March. Prior to that, in February, there will be an S&T management conference for final discussion of the FY-86 program.

-- The issue of space [] is still active. We are told the space may be available in late summer 1984. The S&T has asked us to review our space requirements and stipulate our needs for 1984 and 1985, although what this means in view of restricted space in Key Building is anybody's guess. Some restrictions on space have been lifted, however, and components have now been authorized to lease space once the FY-84 budget has been approved.

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-- Director of Personnel now approves all requests for permission to marry aliens. He has stated that he is now approving over 90 percent of all requests submitted. The prospective spouses will be polygraphed and will be expected to become American citizens within a reasonable amount of time. Personnel will still assist in expediting the citizenship process, particularly for alien spouses of personnel ordered overseas.

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- Director of Security says that he now has enough polygraphers so that they can complete early polygraph examinations for new employees. He also says he has enough polygraphers so he can repolygraph all regular employees at least every five years.
- OMB has established a ceiling on SIS employees--roughly equivalent to two percent of the overall staff employee figure in each component. There are presently [] SIS employees in DDS&T with [] to be added in 1985. After the upcoming FBIS T/O increases, our authorized number of SIS employees should also increase.
- Office of Personnel has hired a consultant to look into GEHA. GEHA is administered entirely by the Agency, not by the insurance company. The consultant feels that although we pay more for GEHA we get more, and there is considerably less hassle with claims because the insurance is administered through the Agency.
- Any employee regardless of grade may request a physical examination once every two years.
- The domestic relocation allowance is dead. Congress has stopped it. An obvious answer to the domestic assignment problem is a housing allowance, but this does not fall within the DCI's authorities and would require congressional approval. The Texas congressmen are against it because of the number of Federal employees in Texas. We will continue with our plan to construct staff housing in Key West as the next best alternative.

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